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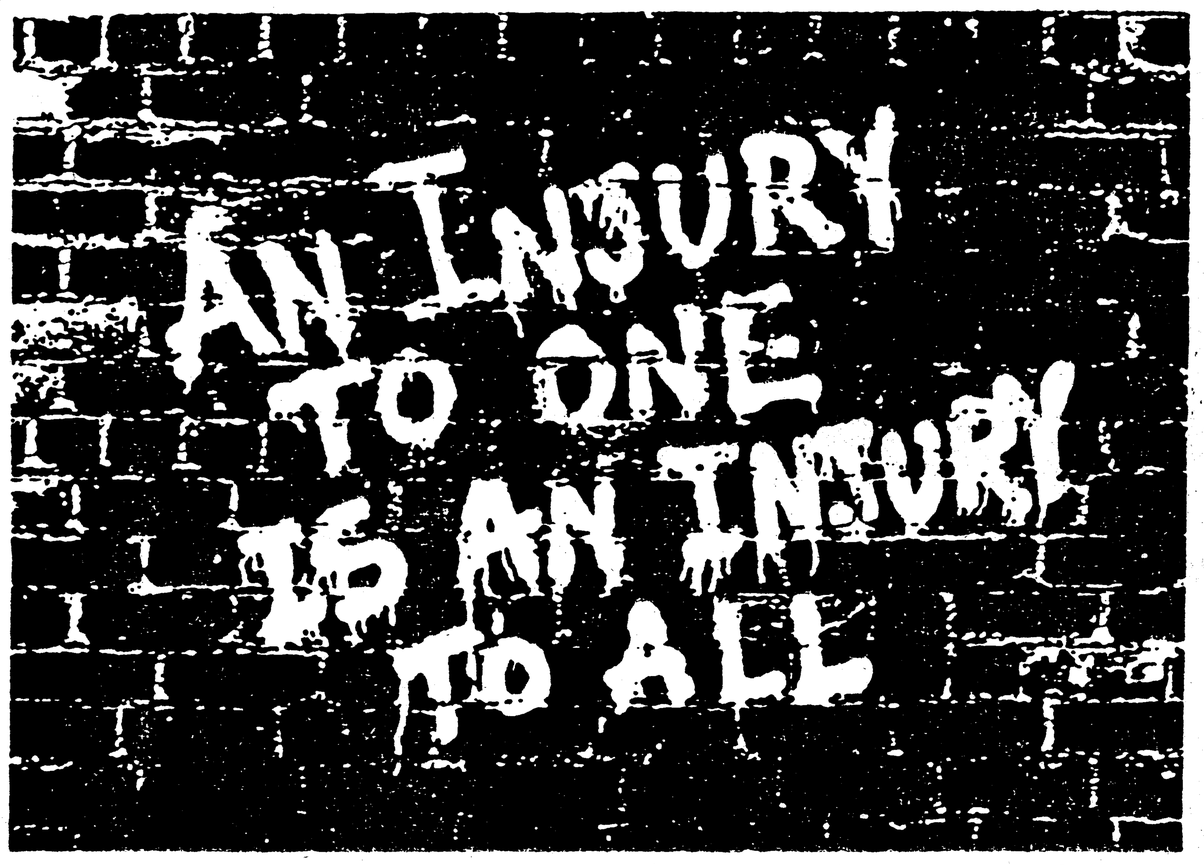
KRISTALLNACHT 1992

November 9 is the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the 1938 onset of the anti-Jewish pogroms by the German nazis that initiated Hitler's genocide against the Jews and Romani (gypsies) and mass murders of gays, communists and others. In response to an international call for solidarity from the German ant-racist and anti-fascist movement, PART and other groups around the U.S. are pressuring the German government to take immediate steps to deal effectively with the rise of the neo-nazis in that countries, and the massive increase in racist violence.



Violent crimes by German nazis have skyrocketed in the past year. By October, more than 1600 such attacks had been recorded by the German police, a four-fold increase over the entire previous year. Immigrants, refugees, and other foreigners have been prime targets, along with Jews, lesbians and gay men and memorials to the Holocaust. Meanwhile, the German government itself began deporting and expelling Romani (gypsy) refugees on Nov. 1. Demonstrations and press conferences are being held in response to this call at the German Embassy in Washington DC and at consulates around the country. In the U.S., the D.C. Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (DC-SCAR) and the Romani-Jewish Alliance in Washington state have played a leading role in pressing the demand on Germany to stop its expulsions and put a stop to the neo-nazi violence.

"We are responding to this call to oppose the rise of racism, fascism and nazism in Germany out of a sense that we face the same struggles here," said Michael Novick of People Against Racist Terror (PART), one of the organizers of a press conference at the German Consulate in L.A. to support these demands. "Anti-immigrant hysteria, racial tensions in our schools, legal lynchings by the police and courts, and the attempt in Oregon to ban books or people who advocate equal rights for gays and lesbians, are all manifestations of the same ugly trend taking place in Germany. The racism, economic injustice and oppression that are at the root of the April uprising here in L.A. remain unresolved, in fact unaddressed, by the local, state and national government."

In recent weeks, Mexicano and Central American day laborers were brutally beaten in San Diego. Immediately after a neo-nazi rally by white supremacist Richard Barrett in Simi Valley, a Jewish owned business in nearby Thousand Oaks was burned down, spray-painted with swastikas and the slogan "Die, Jew;" a teen-aged Black girl was harassed by a nazi skinhead at Buena High in Ventura; a Black pizza delivery driver was ambushed and partially paralyzed by nazi skinheads in the West San Fernando Valley. Neo-nazi followers of the racist Populist Party visited the home of Novick, a local anti-racist activist and editor of Turning the Tide. They made also a series of harassing phone calls. This too is part of an international trend. Similar threats and harassment have been directed at anti-fascists in England in recent weeks.

The organizers of the press conference, including PART, the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Neighbors Against Nazis, L.A. Rank and File Caucus and the Freedom Socialists, see such local developments as motivating and shaping their response to the events in Germany, where neo-nazi gangs have attacked immigrants with impunity in Rostock and dozens of other cities. The U.S. based Ku Klux Klan has offered organizational and propaganda support to the German racists, and because nazi organizations are illegal in Germany, many of the neo-nazi groups have incorporated themselves as chapters of the KKK. The original nazi party of Hitler was derived in part from racist groups that were transplanted back to Germany after World War I by German-American members of the 1920's Klan in the U.S.

"For too long, people of good will have said of the neo-nazis in Germany, and here, that we should ignore them, and they will go away. This is a fatal error. If we ignore racism, it only festers and grows," said Novick. "If we ignore fascism, it will take root and strangle democracy. Our motto must be instead, that an attack against one is an attack against all." Other speakers at the press conference were scheduled at TTT press time to include holocaust survivors, and representatives from the Black, Latino and Jewish communities.

For more information contact DC SCAR, PO Box 18291, Washington DC 20036; or the Romani-Jewish Alliance, PO Box 325, Cashmere WA 98815.

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. The next issue of TTT, January-February 1993, marking our sixth year, will feature a report on racist involvement in the 1992 elections, and the results for Bo Gritz and the Populists in the national and local elections, as well as other candidates and electoral efforts such as Thom Robb and Ralph Forbes in Arkansas. We will also be including an updated resource list.

. For the March-April 1993 issue, we are planning a special focus on racism and the environment. We want to include reports on toxic racism, and on environmental efforts based in Third World communities like Mothers of East L.A., Concerned Citizens of South Central, and the Labor-Community WATCHDOG. We also want to look at right-wing "environmentalists", and at reactionary violence against ecology activists, like the bombing of Judi Bari.

. We are soliciting your contributions on these themes as well as your letters, comments and scene reports for inclusion in "Turning the Tide."

PART is planning to update our annual resource directory of anti-racist and anti-bigotry groups, nationally and locally, for the January-February 1993 issue, Volume 6 Number 1. If you would like to be listed, please call us at 310-288-5003 or write PART at PO Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507, giving the particulars of your group, its program and perspectives, and contact names, address and phone number (e-mail, FAX, etc.).

The next issue, January-February 1993, marks the beginning of Turning the Tide's sixth year of publication. For most of that time, we've been coming out on a regular bi-monthly basis, a record matched by few grass-roots anti-racist publications nationally, and by only a few progressive publications of any kind in southern California. Although we were very gratified by the strong positive response to the appeal in our last issue for subscriptions and renewals (and want to take the opportunity to thank publicly everyone who joined up or renewed) PART and TTT are still very much a shoe-string operation.

COPS & THE KLAN

STOP KILLER COPS!

The problem of organized white supremacist activity among law enforcement and other uniformed services is widespread, and is only growing in the 90's, despite "affirmative action" in police departments (or sometimes because of entrenched resistance to it among white cops).

The latest disclosures regarding Robert Bauman, a civilian employee of the LAPD for 23 years, underscore the seriousness of the problem. Assigned to investigate applicants for police permits, with access to criminal records, tax filings and other data, Bauman was discovered by undercover LA and Huntington Beach cops participating in activities organized by Tom Metzger and other white supremacists in Orange County. Huntington Beach police reported that he apparently engaged in counter-surveillance activity against them, disrupting their attempt to cover the meeting and apparently identifying them as cops to other participants.

A subsequent investigation by the LAPD's Anti-Terrorist Task Force and by Internal Affairs uncovered other connections to white supremacist activity, and after a warrant was obtained, a search of Bauman's home disclosed a vast collection of material on the nazis and white supremacist literature. Bauman however, claims he is only an independent historical researcher, not affiliated with Metzger.

Whatever his affiliations, Bauman used his access to LAPD computers to run checks on Metzger, Stan Witek of the local nazi party, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Irv Rubin of the JDL, a private investigator and Peace and Freedom Party candidate, Jan Tucker, and as many as 200 others. His defense is that he was obtaining the information for his personal historical research and interest in right wing and left wing groups. He says he was angry at Rubin for disrupting a historical society meeting in Pasadena, apparently a reference to the holocaust-revisionist outfit, the Institute for Historical Review, tied in to Willis Carto's Spotlight/Liberty Lobby network and Joe Fields' Populist Party.

Bauman has been given a 10-day suspension, and new Police Chief Willie Williams promises to tighten up access to police computers. But Bauman has appealed his suspension, saying even 10 days is too much, and citing the cases of at least 45 other cops and civilian employees who have been disciplined in the last three years for using the computers for "unofficial business." Most received only reprimands or one or two day suspensions.

Meanwhile over at the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Block has been criticized for not implementing the reforms proposed by Judge Kolts. The Kolts report on the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, like the earlier Christopher Commission report on the LAPD, proposed mostly band-aid solutions for a serious problem. But the worst part of the Kolts whitewash of the LASD was its determination that there is no proven foundation to charges of organized white supremacist activity in the sheriff's department, specifically through such quasi-gang formations as the Vikings and the Cavemen, whose members have been involved in shootings and killings of Black and Latino youth.

This finding flies in the face of a court ruling that the Vikings were a "neo-nazi" formation, and another requiring that if prosecutors could talk of the gang affiliations of defendants, the Viking affiliation of sheriff's deputies also be entered into evidence. One such ruling, requiring that the LASD actually abide by its own stated guidelines on the use of force, was recently voided by an appeals court as being "too far-reaching."

But the Kolts report's most glaring omission illuminates the reality of organized racist activity in the department. In criticizing D.A. Ira Reiner's refusal to prosecute deputies for brutality or murder, the Kolts report cites the case of one deputy who went out "looking for trouble" on New Year's Eve two years ago. He was overheard making racist comments and ended up shooting and killing a Mexican national. Yet Kolts fails to mention that the deputy involved, Brian Kazmierski, had previously been investigated by the FBI and kicked off the force for burning crosses inside the county jail to intimidate Black prisoners. Kazmierski had been reinstated to the department on the express orders of Sheriff Sherman Block. The media went along with this cover-up, not reporting on Kazmierski's history, and refusing to print letters which pointed it out.

Another area of white supremacist involvement has been among fire fighters. The L.A. Fire-fighters Association recently ran an ad showing a fire-dog under the cross-hairs of a gun, with "bullet-holes" in the ad, to protest budget cuts. The ad was a thinly-veiled reference to the L.A. uprising, in which some fire-fighters were fired upon. But much more naked racism has come to light among fire departments nationwide. In 1989, for example, the City Council of Montgomery MD was forced to withhold funding from a volunteer fire department after the white chief called a Black volunteer "nigger boy." In 1990, a Black cop who had helped expose Carrollton, GA fire chief L.A. Dukes for having allegedly designated "nigger beds" for African American fire-fighters, was found drowned under mysterious circumstances. In April of this year, Scott Lowe, the former fire chief of Grovetown Georgia, who had been exposed as a grand titan of the Christian Knights Klan, was arrested for having burned a cross at the home of a local Black family back in 1987.

Open racism and hidden white supremacist involvement are an even more serious problem among police forces. In Houston, where the Klan has been waging an active recruitment campaign among the police for over a year, a police corporal, Al Csaszar, was put on paid leave in July of this year after beating a Nigerian immigrant and yelling racist epithets at him. His partner was also taken out of the field. In June, Boynton Beach FL police officer Dave Demarest sought reinstatement to the department after having been fired in February for having flaunted a swastika tattoo to several other cops, including a Jewish woman officer. In his defense, Demarest presented evidence that racism and nazism were widespread and generally accepted at the department. He submitted as evidence a photo of two officers dressed in nazi uniforms for a Halloween party; the picture had been displayed in the office of the deputy chief. A lawyer for Demarest said that another detective had mounted a picture of a Black man on his office wall, captioned "Is it a chimp?"

Such incidents are not restricted to the south by any means. In Denver Colorado in August, two cops, Bill Carter and Ruth Potter, of the intelligence unit assigned to monitor Klan activities, were re-assigned after they sent baby shower gifts to Klan leader Shawn Slater, a "former" nazi skin-head. In a copyrighted interview with Kerwin Brook, an anonymous white Denver police officer described how many cops will go out and call Black or Mexicano people on the streets "nigger" or "spic," hoping to provoke an angry response and a fight where they can jump or arrest the person. In a separate article, Brook reports the experience of 13-year-old Jessica Vargas, who was on her way to protest a Klan rally, when a Denver cop flashed a KKK hand sign at her and her friends. "We know the cops are against us, but to see him do it with his own hands! And he just smirks," said Vargas. "You just get shocked."

In Texas, a deputy sheriff named Scott Tschirhart brutally beat two young Chicanos last July; Tschirhart had been forced off the Houston police after killing three Black men. Here in CA, it's ironic that the very Huntington Beach police department which uncovered Bauman's involvement with racist and anti-semitic groups is being charged with anti-semitism and harassment by two Jewish cops, who found themselves the victims of constant slurs by fellow officers and superiors. In the northwest, several police forces have recently had Richard Masker address them about white supremacist groups. Masker was fired from a municipal job in Oregon for mailing out Hitler birthday cards, and in August, he was reprimanded at a similar job in Idaho for sending a letter to a business association accusing it of being "part of an international marxist, Zionist con spiracy."

Another area of great concern is white supremacist involvement in the military. In August, members of the Aryan National Front and the Confederate Hammer Skins, along with Klan leader Bill Riccio, were arrested in possession of military explosives and ammunition for machine guns at an Aryan Fest concert. Further arrests are expected among military personnel at Fort Benning, GA. In Colorado, the army was forced to issue a ban in July on military personnel attending Klan organizing rallies at Fort Carson and threaten GI's with discharge if they got involved in Shawn Slater's KKK campaign.

One particular area of bigotry among cops is anti-gay sentiments and violence. In Dallas TX, for example, the City Council voted early this year to uphold a police department ban on hiring gays and lesbians. The Dallas PD uses a 100-year old Texas sodomy law to reject such applicants; people who apply to be cops in Dallas are subjected to a lie detector test and asked if they have ever committted a homosexual act. In Salt Lake City last year, a cop was suspended for an off-duty gay bashing when he and two friends were charged with assault and anti-gay name calling against a gay man. In Santa Cruz County in northern California last year, Sheriff Al Noren, reluctantly forced to meet with gay leaders to discuss harassment of gays by deputies, issued a memo calling the gay community "vicious and devious." Noren defended his remarks as justified because one gay protester had described a deputy he encountered as "obviously a nazi." The sheriff said he considered that remark "vicious."

PART has available a full length research report "BLUE BY DAY, WHITE BY NIGHT?" about the cops and the Klan, with dozens of documented incidents of organized white supremacist involvement in police, military and other uniformed forces over the past decade or more. It's available for $2.00 from PART, P.O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507. See the order form elsewhere in the issue.

Racists and their foes: Two videos explore issue

"IN THE FACE OF HATE"
Produced by Jennifer Covert and Scott Book

"BEHIND THE BURNING CROSS: RACISM USA"
Produced by George Lippman for the John Brown Education Fund

By Michael Novick

These two 1991 half-hour videos, looking at the surge in racist and anti-Semitic terror, gay-bashing and anti-woman violence and the role of organized white supremacist forces in promoting it, complement each other nicely. Both have flaws and neither is a polished professional product, but they are effective introductions to the problem and how to combat it.

"Behind the Burning Cross" is the more ambitious of the two, providing a quick-cutting survey of the Ku Klux Klan and other racist groups, individuals and trends nationwide since Reconstruction. The video features clips of Klan cross-burnings and rallies, racist rock concerts, shots of racist leaders Tom Metzger, David Duke and Birmingham, Ala., church bomber J.B. Stoner; Nazi "boneheads" and their Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice opponents; and police assaults on civil rights marchers in the '60s and anti-Klan demonstrators in the '90s.

The filmmakers intersperse those shots with archival footage dating back to the Civil War, TV news reports and "Hard Copy" sound bites. The film also includes excerpts from Hollywood films dealing with the Klan: from D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation," which was instrumental in reviving the Klan in the 1920s, to Costa-Gavras' "Betrayed," which dramatized the bloody reign of terror carried out by the Order, a neo-Nazi underground movement that consolidated recruits from the Nazis, the Klan and the Christian Identity churches.

A lot of history in a half hour

This technique crams a lot of history into a fast half hour. To amplify it, the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee also offers a study and discussion guide and suggested readings. The piece is weak on the ways in which the Klan and similar groups have been used and promoted by corporate interests and on covering and explaining white anti-racist action. But it is stronger on the extent to which organized white supremacist groups have counted on grass-roots support from white people and from the police and FBI, and is generally free of some of the doctrinaire rhetorical excesses that plagued the Anti-Klan Committee's work in the '80s.

"In the Face of Hate," prepared as a college video project at Washington state's Evergreen College last year as neo-Nazi violence was on the upsurge in the area, is unusual in that it focuses on the efforts of an array of community people to combat hate.

In contrast to most sensationalistic media coverage of the issue, "In the Face of Hate" humanizes the people who are victims of bigoted violence and who are fighting back by promoting education and counter-mobilization.

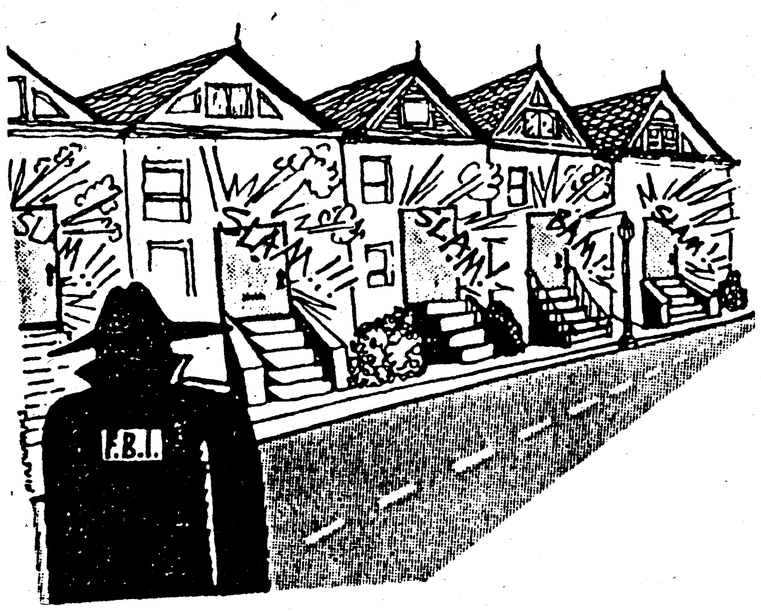
Covert and Book allow gay men and lesbians, Blacks, Asian and white anti-racists to speakly directly—and often personally—about the problem and their efforts to solve it. The video—interviewing Deni Yamauchi of the Center for Democratic Renewal, Bill Wassmuth of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment and Luma Nichol of the United Front Against Fascism—tends to emphasize the commonality of the anti-racist groups, but differences in emphasis do emerge.

The United Front is a Freedom Socialist Party-initiated grouping which projects the leadership of lesbians and gay men, communities of color and labor unions in building militant demonstrations against Klan activity. The Northwest Coalition has sought the backing of local political, corporate and religious leaders for legislation against hate crimes, and sometimes discouraged face-to-face confrontation with the racists. The Center, formerly the National Anti-Klan Network, tries to involve grass-roots groups in a campaign of education and counter-organizing that unites the victims of white supremacist and anti-gay activity, and seeks to deny the racists a base for recruitment among white youth.

One of the film's most interesting contrasts is between the remarks of Linda Patrick, the bias crimes coordinator for the Seattle Police Department, who is trying to sensitize the police to hate crimes, and Harriet Walden, a Black woman from Mothers Against Police Harassment, who sees the police as perpetrators of crimes.

The video's discursive approach allows viewers to consider the kaleidoscope of viewpoints and draw their own conclusions. Taken jointly with the faster-moving and more dramatic and agitational "Behind the Burning Cross," it provides an education about the roots and appeal of the racist groups and the necessity of countering them.

"In the Face of Hate" is available from Jennifer Covert, 724 13th Avenue #304, Olympia, Wash. 98501. "Behind the Burning Cross" is available from the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, 220 9th St. #443, San Francisco, Calif. 94103; (415) 330-5363.



DON'T TALK TO THE F.B.I.

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You don't have to. There is no law requiring any of us to talk to an FBI agent, a cop or any other investigator. Every bit of information given to the FBI, no matter how unimportant it might seem, becomes part of their intelligence gathering on the movement; a piece of the puzzle they are fitting together to be used to destroy people and organizations. Often the FBI comes and says something like, "Your name has come up in the course of an investigation into a bombing conspiracy. If you can just answer a few questions, we're sure we can clear this up." The purpose of statements like these is to catch us off guard, to scare us and get us to talk.

Some people think we can outsmart the FBI, turn their questions around and get information from them. Experience has shown that this is dangerous: our questions and answers often provide insights for the FBI to go on. Likewise, the FBI will try to catch us up if we make statements that they can prove are false. When this happens they can threaten us with perjury charges. The best thing to do is REFUSE TO TALK.

DON'T LET THE FBI INSIDE YOUR HOUSE!

If they come to your door, don't let them inside. If they get a foot in the door, demand that they leave at once. Legally they can only enter your home if they have a search or arrest warrant. If they say they have a warrant, demand to see it and demand to see their I.D. If they want to ask a few questions, show you pictures of people, ask about who uses your phone, etc. say "No, I have nothing to talk to you about." If you have a lawyer, tell them that she/he will contact them. The FBI will try to intimidate you if sweet talking fails, or vice-versa. This is why we must be clear and firm in our refusal to cooperate. Sometimes they will try to intimidate us by threatening to have us subpoenaed to a grand jury. However, cooperating with the FBI by answering a few questions will not stop anyone from being subpoenaed. It only encourages them to see you as potentially talkative before a grand jury.

Not only are activists being visited by the FBI, but family members, neighbors and co-workers are being approached as well. Often the FBI will threaten to harass our parents or friends. These kinds of slimy threats are nothing new, but still they can present problems. In most cases, it makes sense to try to educate relatives and friends *before* the FBI shows up. The FBI's history of dirty tricks is widely known and we can draw on this as we talk to people.

The government and FBI want to use their fear tactics, lies and spies to put us on the defensive. Now is the time to build a real wall of resistance, to refuse to be isolated or turned back.

LETTERS

Dear T.T.T.:

I haven't seen the Tide in over a year. I've been in administrative segregation, which you probably know as "the hole." The reason I'm there is that a Mexican friend of mine was going to be stabbed by a member of the Arizona "Aryan Brotherhood." I sided with my friend, and fought on his side. Nobody got stabbed but now we are here because of the fight. (Has my life changed, or what?) [Ed note: Allen is a former member of the racist Hammer Skins.]

It looks like I'm going to be in ad-seg until my release next year, and it gets pretty boring staring at these four walls. I've had a lot of time to think about my past and what I want to do with my future. I can't take back all the evil hateful things I've done, but I can use my knowledge to combat racism and build a better future for our children. Remember, I used to be one of them, I know how they think and act. Maybe my idea of fighting nazism is more violent than what you may consider, but it's about the only thing that will get their attention.

I've been thinking about writing a booklet exposing all the nazi skinhead views on religion, history, politics, all the way to the rites of passage. Would you and your associates be interested in publishing something like this or could you put me in touch with SHARP or someone else who would?

When I get out of here, I want to get involved with some sort of association to combat nazis and other hate groups. I had a cop offer me money to travel around the country and explain nazi skin philosophy to different police agencies. But I don't want to do anything for a system that let the men free who beat on Rodney King. I hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully,

Allen Moller #80432

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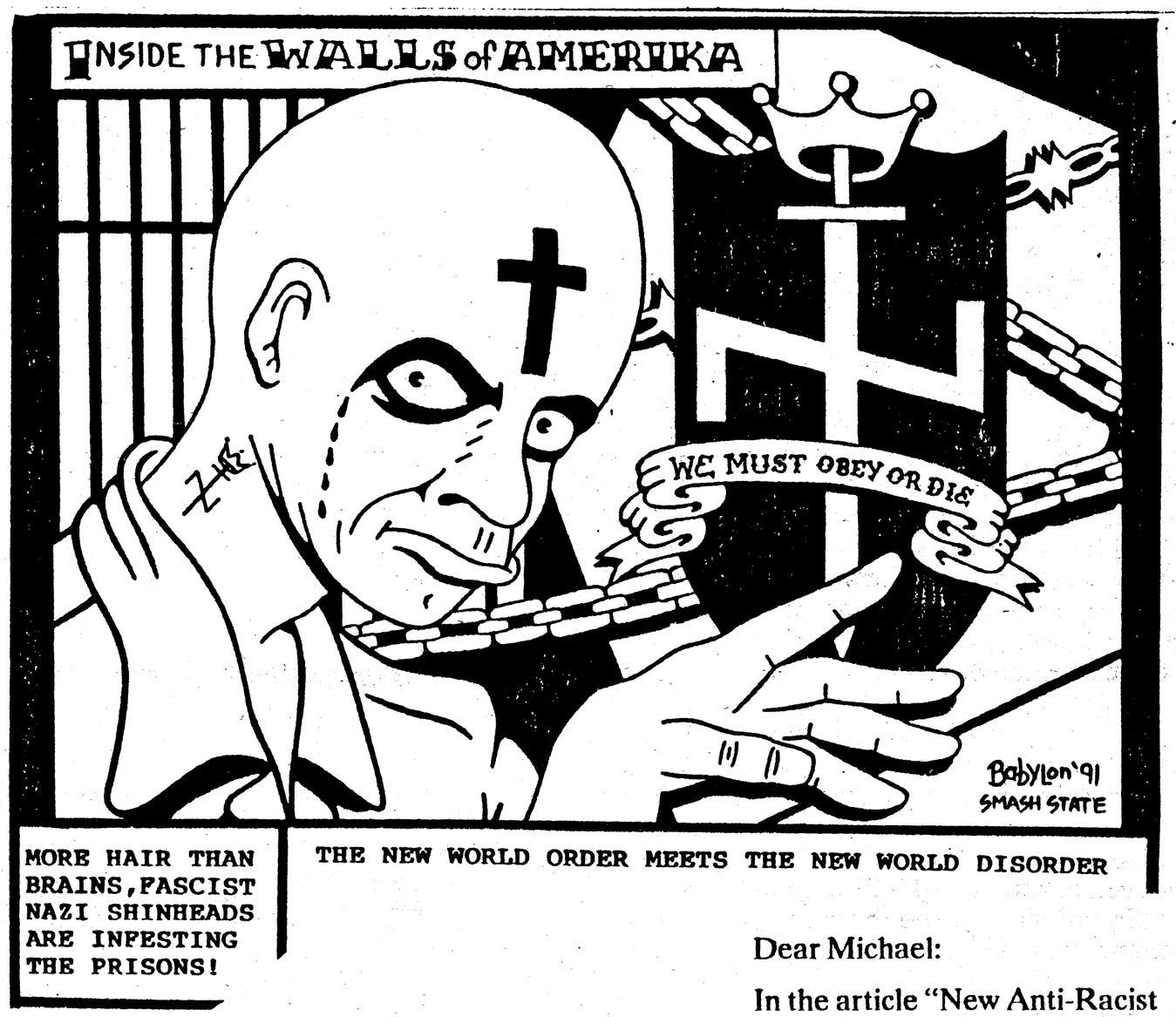
PART replies:

We would be very much interested in printing a former insider's expose of what goes on among the nazi-boneheads. Please send us material you would like to publish. Also, we definitely support you in not accepting money from the police. Given organized white supremacist involvement in police forces, you would not only be discrediting yourself, but you might be putting yourself at risk. A much better audience for your expose of racist skinheads and their nazi ideology would be white teenagers who might otherwise be attracted to and organized by the nazi-boneheads. Please keep in touch.



MORE HAIR THAN BRAINS, FASCIST NAZI SHINHEADS ARE INFESTING THE PRISONS!

THE NEW WORLD ORDER MEETS THE NEW WORLD DISORDER

Dear PART:

I just received your latest issue. These capitalist nazi mail-pigs gave me a dirty look as I picked up my mail from the prison's supply room. Recently, I have been hassled pretty bad by the top-cop big-wig pigs here. My anti-racist and anarchist literature was confiscated and I was brought in front of the Utah State Prison disciplinary committee on charges of conspiracy to incite a race riot! But I was found not guilty, therefore was able to recover my literature and various writings.

This prison is divided into three racial factions, the Aryan Brotherhood, Black Muslims and the Mexican Mafia. Each group hangs in their own territory and conducts their "business" in secrecy. But I walk my own path and stand for unity. I've been locked up in this prison since 1987, and I've seen racial violence result in murder. I have organized a crew of anti-racist inmates and we distribute lit and have meetings behind these walls of hate.

Through discussions and awareness, there have been racist inmates who have had their minds opened to see past the color of the skin, but it's an everyday struggle and our crew is hassled by the cops and by racist inmates. It's hard to keep this struggle alive in a non-violent way when there is so much violence around us. I'm not a pacifist, but would rather try to solve a problem with words instead of fists. But sometimes I might be forced to, just to survive in this concrete jungle.

There is a large percentage of racist inmates in every correctional facility across the country. The Aryan Brotherhood seems to be the biggest threat, as well as the largest hate group incarcerated in prisons through the US. I urge prisoners world-wide to organize against the hate and stand up against racism. I will continue to fight for my beliefs and stand strong even if it costs my life.

Organize and Unite!

Jimi Germ-James D. Owens #18218

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Dear Michael:

In the article "New Anti-Racist Demo ..." I appreciated the description of Barrett's hate campaign as a "sanitized form, draped in the flag and patriotism." What a perfect depiction! It truly seems that a major enemy to anti-racism is the "marriage made in heaven" between a Pat Robertson supporter and a David Duke groupie. In harsh reality there is usually little difference between the two. If they evoke the word "God" or "Jesus" enough, do they believe the hate is disguised (or "sanitized")?

A higher consciousness was displayed when you stated that open racist groups are "the tip of the iceberg." Most racists are behind solid oak desks with three piece suits. And direct global policy with the snap of a finger.

Peace,

Judy Miller

GFH

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Thanks for your comments, your support and especially for the cartoons you've sent in which we've printed in the past couple of issues. We hope more readers will develop as active a relationship with TTT as you have, and send in letter, clips and other materials so the paper can better serve to build a network of anti-racist activists. Thanks.

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IS ZIONISM RACISM?

To Turning the Tide:

. The writing below represents ideas that were either 1) taken to or 2) developed at a Pledge of Resistance (POR) meeting asking itself where do we go from here (post Gulf War)? These ideas are recommended to pacifists, anarchists, the whole left, and anyone at all as a focus and fulcrum of nonviolent revolutionary change.

. 1. We can streamline the Resistance operation by attacking the Zionist connection to all the things we are interested in: El Salvador and the arms and police training Israel gives to the dictatorships thru-out Central and South America; the support Zion gives to the drug trade and drug cartels; the oppression of Palestinians and the arms build up in the Middle East which does correspond to the existence of Israel; the Arab civil wars which are occasioned by the displacement of Palestinians by the existence of Israel.

. By attacking Zionism, we attack what is behind glasnost and the support Eastern Europe gives to apartheid.

. Domestically, we can attack the politics that can even consider $10 billion to house Russian Jews in Palestine while there are growing numbers of homeless here.

. In regard to the Quincentennial, we can point out that Jewish slave traders were dominant in the slave trade from the end of the 17th Century which helps to account for the Jewish wealth that funds the Zionist problem.

. By making tax-collecting Zionism and nuclear Israel the focus of our break-the-law-for-peace activity, we are relevant to the largest part of the world's problems even as we attack some specifically. Think Globally, act locally ... And we get away from a piecemeal, disorganized, reactive, contingent approach as we move to the disempowerment of the Anglo-American WASP-Jewish Ruling Class by means of State-less, non-violence solutions. (Tax refusal liberates.)

. 2. One thing much overlooked is imprisonment as a peace issue. Prisons need and are based on violence. Therefore, non-violence (POR favors non-violence) wipes out prisons (law enforcement). If we are not doing anything to get rid of prisons then we are not doing anything to destroy the war system. SMASH ALL PRISONS NOW! a luta continua ...

Joffre Stewart,
advocate of the ANTI-Christ,
Chicago IL

PART Replies:

Dear Joffre:

. Lacking any personal knowledge of your practice, we can only go by your letter(s). Your second point seems very well taken. PART will continue to focus on prisons and repression as central issues for anti-racists and other progressive people. But in regards your first point, you seem to obsess about Zionism to the point of having the tail wag the dog, and you drift across the line into views which seem to demonize all Jews. Some of what you say seems to have more in common with the propaganda of anti-semites and racists than with a progressive agenda.

. PART condemns the practices, policies and ideology of the Zionist state of Israel, and believes that a theocratic state is antithetical to democracy. But even many Palestinian revolutionaries believe that the UN was correct in abandoning its formulation that "Zionism is racism" because it obscured the national and political nature of the conflict, and implied that Jews are a race. You seem to attribute all the ills of the world to Zionism, but clearly even in the Middle East, Arab reaction and imperialist and European aggression existed long before the Zionist project or state were even thought of.

. In Central and South America, European nations were committing genocide and the U.S. was exerting military and economic domination for centuries before anyone dreamed up Zionism. Some Jews participated in the slave trade; so did some Muslims and African animists, and many, many European Protestants and Catholics. The wealth of the entire west, not the Jews alone (and not all Jews are westerners), is based on the slave trade and land theft from the indigenous peoples of the Americas and the Pacific.

. Under "Labor" and Likud alike, Israel has been and continues to be guilty of terrible atrocities and state-sponsored terror. The Israeli "left" which is participating in the current government has abandoned any pretense of progressive opposition, as repression in the occupied territories and the prisons continues at least as fiercely as before. Israel's nuclear capabilities are a threat to world peace. But so are those of China and France; so is Japan's development of a plutonium breeder reactor base for its electrical power production. In all these areas, it is Zionism doing the bidding of the imperialist system and the great powers, not the reverse as you seem to imply.

This error (to give you the benefit of the doubt) is evident when you describe Zionism as "what is behind glasnost." Apparently you oppose glasnost. You seem to be falling into the same trap as the neo-nazis who blame the Jews for both capitalism and communism, or as the nationalists and ex-communists in the former Soviet Union today, who are making common cause by blaming the Jews simultaneously for the establishment and demise of the Soviet state. The Czars and Russian Orthodoxy had established an empire and a prison house of nations long before the Zionists or the Communists came along; the same holds true on this continent for the U.S. rulers.

You may personally be well-meaning in your ideas, but in practice they amount to same kind of scape-goating that breeds racism and fascism. You would be well-advised to reconsider your proposal, to salvage what is authentic and positive. If you are looking for an over-arching philosophy that can synthesize a fragmented progressive movement, I would suggest that anti-imperialism (within which anti-Zionism can play a legitimate part, along with other forms of de-colonization) is a more appropriate and rational approach.

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SHAWNEE WOMEN'S CONTROL UNIT

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SHAWNEE -- A CONTROL UNIT FOR WOMEN

by Silvia Baraldini

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Anti-imperialist Political Prisoners

Marianna, FL August 1992

This is excerpted from a longer paper submitted to TTT. We regret being unable to print the entire text. For more information, write to: CIRSBI c/o Fink, 294 Atlantic Av. Brooklyn NY 11201

In May, a national mobilization against prison "control units" (maximum security 'prisons within a prison') took place on the 20th anniversary of the Attica Rebellion (a prison takeover by New York state prison inmates brutally suppressed by Gov. nelson Rockefeller with troops). The first control unit was also built 20 years ago, to repress an upsurge of revolutionary and progressive movements. The May mobilization condemned the intensification of prisons on the maximum-security model of Marion, and the proliferation of control units. It focused on the use of control units as a tool of political repression; the fact that national oppression and white supremacy determine who is incarcerated in these units; and their brutal physical and psychological abuse of the prisoners.

There was no mention, however, of women or women's control units in the propaganda. The use of control units against women, including the current federal incarnation, the Shawnee Unit here at the prison in Marianna FL, was ignored. This undermines the strugglke against control units. It overlooks important milestones in the struggle against control units, such as the mobilization against the Cardinal Unit at Alderson WV, and the successful international campaign to shut down the High Security Unit (HSU) sensory deprivation program at Lexington KY. These efforts were significant because these units had an explicit political mission, targeting women political prisoners and Prisoners of War from the Puerto Rican independence movement.

Sidelining women, as was done in the mobilization, has deeper implications, diminishing the importance of women's resistance, and playing into the government mythology that women are more submissive. Because a number of women political prisoners and POW's have spent the majority of our sentences in such control units, ignoring them further distances us from our movements, indirectly playing into a principle objective of the government in establishing the units: isolation. By isolation, we mean turning political prisoners into symbols or leftovers of a more militant past, while ignoring (us) as continuing participants into today's progressive movements.

The government relies on secrecy and silence to accomplish its goals. This paper was written to break with such silence on Shawnee Unit, to recognize women as equal participants in the struggle to shut down all control units, and to be responsible to ongoing political struggle.

Shawnee was opened in 1988 after the Lexington HSU was shut down. Its mission is to isolate and neutralize women prisoners who pose a political threat or whom the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) thinks may escape from or disrupt the institution. "Neutralization" aims at insuring that women imprisoned here will never leave with prison with the full capacity to function. Central to the mission is that the BOP can decide to transfer any woman political prisoner or POW in the federal prison system here; the recent transfer of Laura Whitehorn. In addition to targeting political activists, particularly those associated with the national liberation movements, it also serves to mainatin control over all women in BOP prisons; in less than 24 hours, twelve women targeted as leaders of a recent demonstration at Lexington were all transfered here. Shawnee contains other women as well, protected witnesses, disciplinary cases, and others. But what distinguishes them from the political prisoners is that they can transfer out. Over the past year, there has been massive movement out of the unit. But the political prisoners have been excluded from this despite repeated requests to transfer.

The physical plant of Shawnee is designed to disguise its true abusive purpose. The women here live in a psycholgically assaultive environment designed to destabilize (our) personal and social identities. The unit is a small triangle with a small yard. Within its confines, we are under constant scrutiny. Cameras, and listening devices in every cell, insure constant surveillance of even the most intimate conversation. Lockdown is not necessary because there is nowhere to go. The fences around the yard -- the only place to even glimpse the outside world -- were recently covered with green cloth, further hammering a sense of separation and isolation into the women. Imagine neing told you will live in this small world for three more decades.

Shawnee is like being in a suffocating cocoon. The replacement for any visual stimulation or communication, educational training or recreational program, is TV. As in Marion, there's a TV in every cell, as if to answer complaints about islolation or boredom.

The geographical isolation makes contact with family and friends almost impossible. Gradually, women here begin to lose their ability to relate to the outside world. The system tries to create dysfunctional individuals who resist less, demand less, and see each other as competitors for the few available privileges. A system of hierarchical privileges governs the unit to destroy potential unity.

The median age of the women here is 37 -- a situation distinct from any other women's prison. Nearly everyone is doing more than 15 years; more than ten women are serving life sentences without parole. Menopause is the main medical problem in the unit. Menopause is an emotional as well as a physiological process. Ignoring this is a pillar of misogynist Western medicine. In the repressive reality of Shawnee, refusal to recognize and treat the symptoms of menopause becomes a cruel means of punishment and an attack on the integrity of one's personality.

Security determines all medical care. Two women who have suffered strokes here were both denied access to necessary treatment in a hospital: a life-threatening decision, made solely for "security reasons."

Intense isolation and lack of activities mean that the loving relationships that provide intimacy and comfort to women in all prisons are of heightened importance here. Until recently, a seemingly tolerant attitude towards lesbian relationships was actually a form of control. For lesbian relationships to function without disciplinary intervention by the police, the women had to negotiate with, and in some instances work for, the staff. This tolerance was viewed as necessary because the relationships served as a safety valve for the tensions and anger in the population. As a result of the system of police-sanctioned tolerance, people tended to elevate the individual relationships above any collective alliances that might endanger the administration's rule over the unit.

This situation served to increase the already intense homophobia in the population. A new administration has now ended the tolerance, and lesbians are now suffering greater harassment and discrimination. A witch hunt is underway to identify lesbians and couples engaging in homosexual behavior.

Partly as a result of the astronomic rise in the number of women in prison and the resulting public interest in women's prisons, and partly as a result of the struggle against the Lexington HSU, the BOP has to be very careful not to appear to be brutal in its treatment of women prisoners. The investigations of the HSU by Amnesty International, the Methodist Church, the American Civil Liberties Union and others struck a nerve in Washington. The experiment carried out within the walls of the HSU failed because of the personal and political resistance of those inside and outside the walls. But this defeat did not deter the BOP from its stated goals. It just drove them to hide them cosmetically behind a veneer of new paint and the momentary elimination of the most notorious abuses. The BOP always denies the truth of its workings. It denies the existence of control units and this unit in particular, not even listing it in the BOP Register of Prisons. Nevertheless, Shawnee is the present women's version of the Marionization of the prison system. The next one is supposed to be opened in North Carolina in 1994. The movement should not fall into the trap and ignore the particular control strategy aimed at women. Uncovering and exposing the reality that Shawnee Unit is a control unit will contribute to the movement against all control units.

Dear PART:

I'm writing both to congratulate you on the work you're doing and to ask for your help.

For over 10 years, I've been involved in the Radical Faerie movement. You may know that certain Native nations honor the minority person of intermediary sexuality and make him the "medicine man" (berdache). Well, we believe the European tale of the fairy began with tribes of such odd men living in the woods among each other. (Some of us) put out a call (years ago) for the first spiritual gathering of (modern) radical faeries ... So, years before guys were getting naked in the woods and drumming with Robert Bly, the faeries were doing leaderless encampments of 100's of men, cooking for each other, exploring an eclectic earth-conscious spirituality, and crying tears of joy at endless heart circles.

Tired of renting, about five years ago we incorporated as a church and bought eighty acres in Josephine County, Oregon to be used as our permanent sanctuary. At our last gathering at the sanctuary this past summer, one of our vans parked on the road was torched by an arsonist. It turns out Josephine County, OR provided more contributions to the David Duke campaign than any other in the country. No doubt god (whoever she may be) is still putting us exactly where we need to be.

The AIDS plague makes it more imperative than ever that urban faerie warriors ... have a sanctuary in the woods at which to rest and network and commune. Get RFD magazine to find out about a gathering near you. But right now, we call on you to help sensible Oregonians to defeat the hateful "initiative Nine" on the November ballot, which practically criminalizes any loving sexual expression outside of breeding purposes in a marriage. Send them money; spread the word. Help the sanctuary.

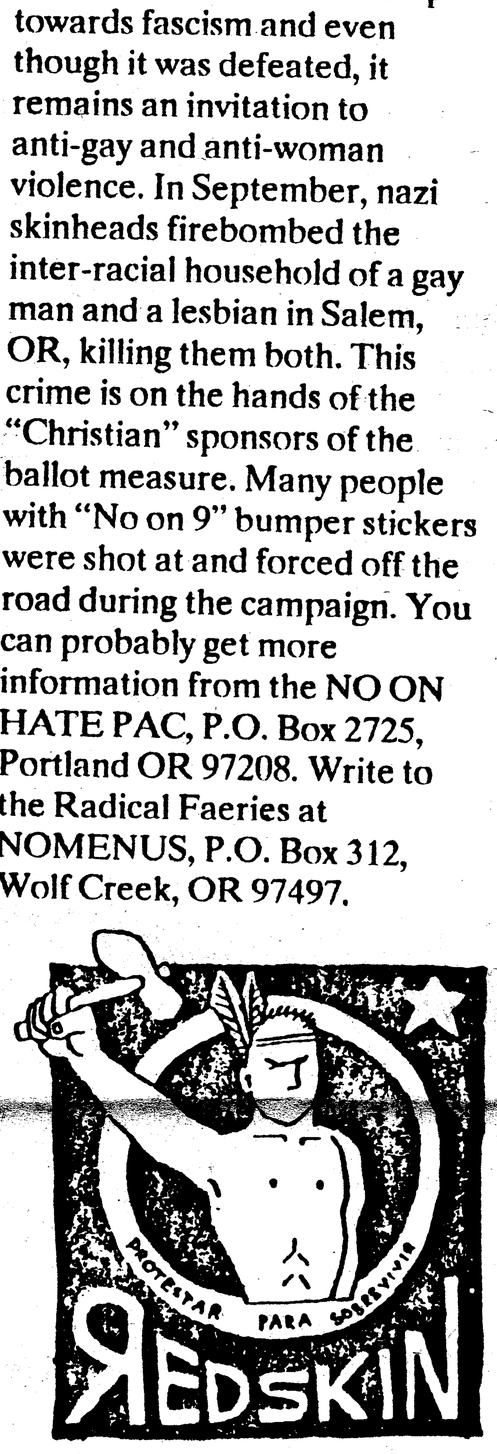
Blessed be!

Donatello,

Los Angeles.

PART replies:

"Initative Nine" in Oregon was indeed a threat, not only to lesbians and gay men, but to all of us. It stood a serious chance of passage, under the sponsorship of a group, OCA, which is the state affiliate of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition (whose forces, with less fanfare and notoriety, have been taking over the California Republican Party and quietly electing members to school boards and other bodies). The Oregon Initiative would have forced teachers to brain-wash their students with the message that sexual "deviance" is sinful, forbidden the state from recognizing sexual orientation as a category of discrimination, and banned thousands of books from schools and libraries. It would have been a clear step towards fascism and even though it was defeated, it remains an invitation to anti-gay and anti-woman violence. In September, nazi skinheads firebombed the inter-racial household of a gay man and a lesbian in Salem, OR, killing them both. This crime is on the hands of the "Christian" sponsors of the ballot measure. Many people with "No on 9" bumper stickers were shot at and forced off the road during the campaign. You can probably get more information from the NO ON HATE PAC, P.O. Box 2725, Portland OR 97208. Write to the Radical Faeries at NOMENUS, P.O. Box 312, Wolf Creek, OR 97497.



Oi! Somos redskins. Somos un movimiento politico y cultural. Estamos en contra de toda explotacion y nos identificamos con la cultura skinhead, que desde su origen fue un movimiento socialista y no tiene nada que ver con los nazis rapados en Europa y Estados Unidos, ni con los punks que se rapan para golpear mechudos.

NUESTRA LUCHA ES POLITICA

En 1966 fue fundado el Partido de los Panteras Negras con el fin de educar, organizar y defender a la comunidad. Su accion se desarrollo en dos direcciones: derecho a la autodefensa cuando se es atacado y lucha politica sobre bases de clase y no de raza. El autentico opresor de la poblacion negra es el mismo de la poblacion latina o asiatica, y del obrero blanco: el capitalismo.

La lucha de los Panteras Negras influyo a los jovenes de Jamaica e irrumpieron en las calles los rudie boys. Si los Panteras educaban a sus hermanos a traves de sus escuelas de liberacion, los rude boys difundian sus ideas en las canciones de su musica ska.

La cultura skinhead se desarrolla alrededor de 1969, en la clase obrera britanica. La influencia rude boy le dio a los skinhead el ska, el estilo que vestian y la ideologia en contra del racismo y del capitalismo.

A comienzos de los 80 surge la musica Oi! que difunde la union de los skinheads con los punks en contra del sistema y en defensa de la clase obrera.

El espiritu del '69 sigue vivo. Los redskins creemos que no basta con criticar el capitalismo y proponemos una sociedad donde no haya explotacion y, por supuesto, desaparezcan el Estado y la propiedad privada que genera desigualdad.

Para cambiar esta sociedad es necesario que nos eduquemos, nos organicemos y nos defendamos de los opresores.

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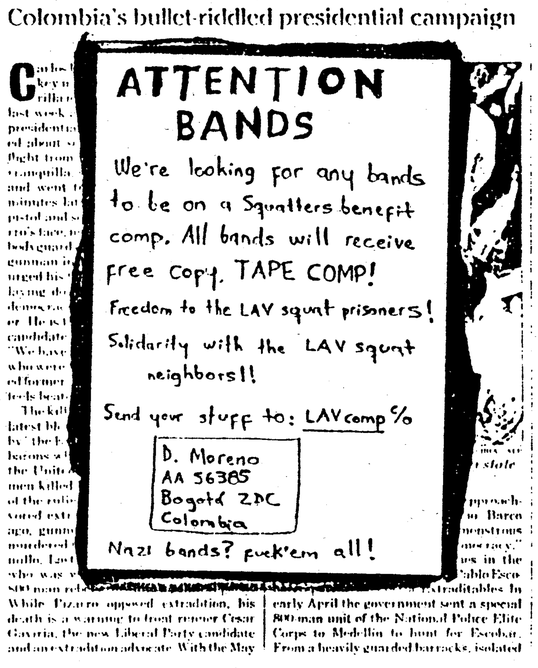
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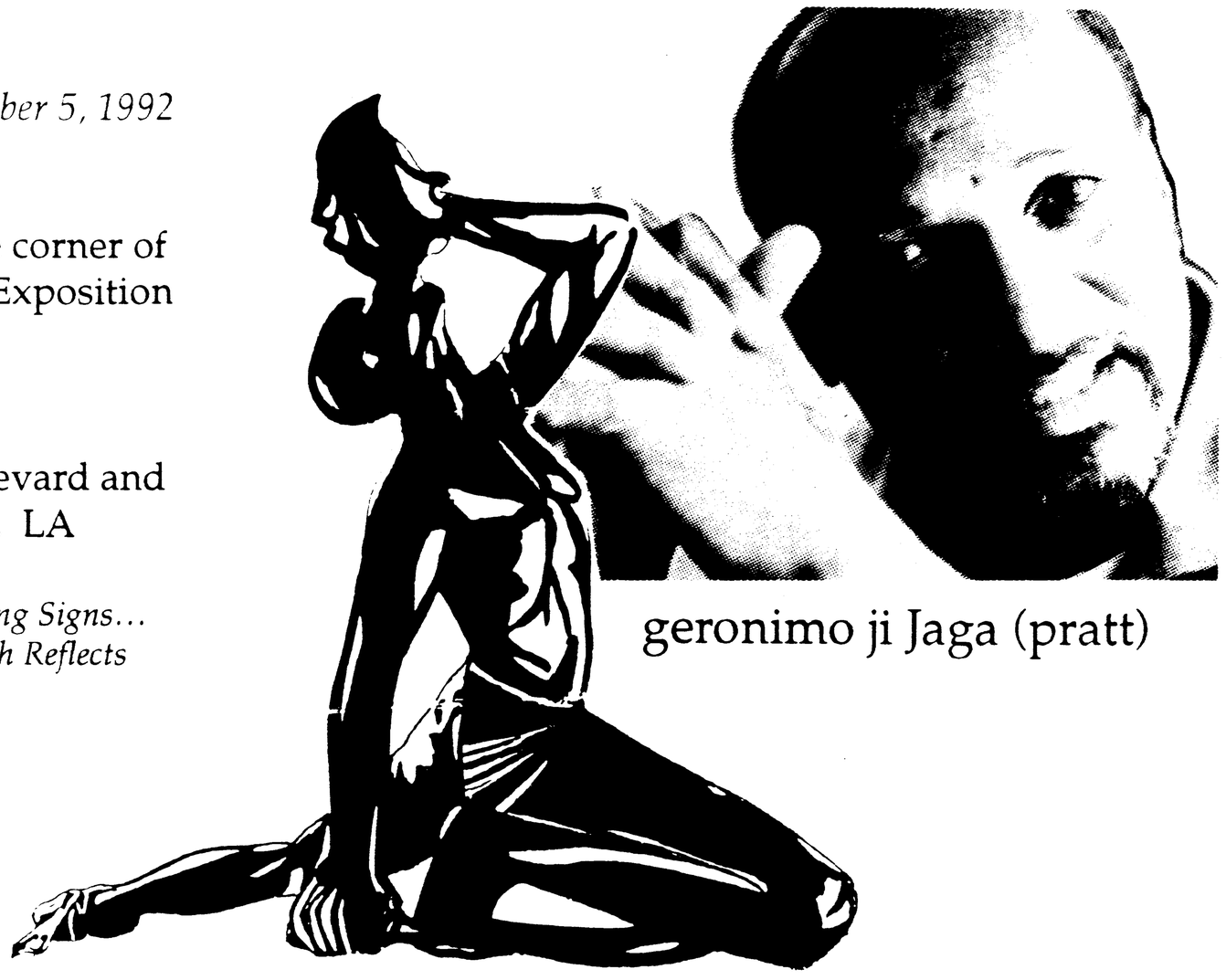

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Very soon, the California Parole Board meets to decide if former Black Panther Party Leader and Vietnam veteran, geronimo ji Jaga (pratt) will be released from his 22 year ordeal in prison. A target of the FBI's "secret" war against the Black Freedom movement during the 1960s and 70s, geronimo was railroaded to prison on a murder charge the government knows he did not commit. His struggle for justice has gathred worldwide support from Amnesty International through Congressional resolutions offered by Congressman Dellums, and most importantly from grassroots organizations and churches. As the parole board prepares to rule on his case, please join us at 10 am on December 5th.

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UPDATE ON HATE

The press of other issues and organizing has prevented PART from running this update in the past couple of issues. Here's a somewhat condensed survey dating back over the past 6 months.

Temecula, May 1992

Three children were removed from a local elementary school by their families after one of them was badly beaten and hospitalized in a racist attack.

Camarillo, May 1992

Latino parents and students picketed Camarillo High after three Latino students were suspended for fighting with a white youth who allegedly made racial slurs. Latinos had long complained of discrimination at the school.

San Francisco, May 1992

In the first civil hate crimes case in California, a 65-year-old racist is ordered to stay away from a Puerto Rican he had been harassing for over 6 years. Art Smith, who repeatedly slashed the family's car tire, sprayed racist slogans on their house, and sent them swastika covered letter faces $1000 fine and jail time if he violates the court order.

Burbank, June 1992

Racist and anti-woman flyers with crude anti-Black cartoons and slogans are placed in 50 or more lockers at Burbank High. The flyers gave hot line numbers for WAR and racist skinhead groups like the Church of the Creator.

Los Angeles, June 1992

Dennis Hilligos, a long-time racist leader associated with the Klan, the Populist Party and the American Independent Party, revives the racist "Minutemen." The group was once a far-right para-military underground. Hilligoss proclaims that in their new incarnation, the Minutemen will provide armed self-defense for white power political candidates. Meanwhile, former Minuteman leader Robert dePugh was sentenced to 30 months in Missouri for stockpiling weapons, and still faces sexual exploitation charges in Iowa.

Poway, June 1992

An African-American boy in the sixth grade is tripped, kicked and punched by a group of classmates who say they were "playing a game of Rodney King."

Sacramento, June 1992

Joe Carrabino, a member of the State Board of Education, is accused of making anti-Semitic and racist remarks and slurring minority students. James Thrasher, a 42-year-old Black teacher, says Carrabino repeatedly called him "boy" at meetings.

Burbank, June 1992

Warner Bros. Records receives repeated bomb threats after releasing the heavy metal album with "Cop Killer" on it. The bomb squad is called out to detonate a mysterious package. Police and Oliver North target the album, and off duty cops, the JDL and other groups picket a concert until the song is removced from the album.

Huntington Beach, June 1992

In two separate incidents, 4 Asian American women and three Japanese women are attacked. Three white men, in a pickup truck with Suicidal Tendency decals, attacked two Japanese Americans, a Chinese and a Korean teenager. They smashed a windshield with a steel rod and left two with serious cuts, one requiring 16 stitches.

Westlake Village, July 1992

Anti-semitic grafitti and vandalism target the home and car of a Jewish family. Swastikas are painted on their house and driveway, and someone shouts "Die Jew" at the couple as they leave their house to investigate strange sounds.

Toronto, Canada, July 1992

San Diego racist leader Tom Metzger and his son John are expelled from Canada for entering the country illegally. The WAR leader, who is on probation for a cross-burning conviction in L.A. violated its terms by secretly entering Canada to attend a white racist convention. Several synagogues in Toronto were systematically vandalized after the conference. (L.A. authorities do

nothing.)

Palmdale, July 1992

A fourth Palmdale man is arrested in connection with a plot to blow up an adult book store in Chicago. Police find military explosive simulator shells in his apartment.

Pasadena, July 1992

A wave of vandalism on three successive nights targets 40 homes in the Arroyo Seco area. Homes and cars are vandalized, and racial epithets are scratched into the paint.

Los Angeles, August 1992

The racist Jewish Defense League forces the cancellation of a Palestinian poetry reading at a cafe in the Fairfax district. After the JDL protested and leafleted the proposed event, the locks of the cafe were vandalized and the owner received death threats.

La Canada-Flintridge, Aug. 1992

Edson Johnson leads his Tesla Walkers on their annual trek through the area near Descanso Gardens. Johnson promotes the group of UFO-believers, which includes an ex-LAPD cop, through the Liberty Lobby/Spotlight network.

San Diego, Aug. 1992

Temple Emanu-El is vandalized with neo-nazi grafitti and swastikas.

Riverside/San Bernardino September 1992

Over the Labor Day weekend, as nazi boneheads hold a racist rock concert, Aryan Fest '92, the home of a synagogue official is vandalized with swastika spray-painting.

Simi Valley, Sept. 1992

Four local teenagers, most Black, are attacked by police at a demonstration against white supremacist Richard Barrett. Police had visited one of the Black teens to warn him to stay away from the demonstration. Police dogs bite one teen's leg so severely several stitches are required.

Thousand Oaks, Sept. 1992

Right after Barrett's rally, Heroes and Legends, a comic book store owned by a Jew, is torched by arsonists. The charred walls are spray-painted with swastikas and lightning bolt "SS" symbols and the words "Die Jew!" in an act reminiscent of the July attack in nearby Westlake Village.

Ventura, Sept. 1992

Also following Barrett's rally, a nazi-skinhead at Buena High harasses and threatens a Black girl. He receives only a slap on the wrist suspension. Several other incidents of racist harassment have occured at Ventura high schools in subsequent weeks.

Vista, Sept. 1992

A cross is burned into a Black man's front lawn in a well-to-do suburb of San Diego. Police are investigating "whether there was a racial motivation."

West Hills, Sept. 1992

Nazi skinheads ambush a Black pizza delivery driver. They toss asphalt through the windshield of his car, leaving him partially paralyzed even after a week's hospitalization.

Van Nuys, October 1992

A group of Black and Latino students returning to their home in south L.A. by school bus from Grant High in Van Nuys are attacked. Rocks are thrown through the windows of their bus from a freeway overpass.

San Diego, Oct. 1992

A group of half a dozen or more white men attack an encampment of Mexicano and Central American migrant workers with baseball bats, injuring several severely. Press reports links the attack to an alleged rape incident nearby in which a white woman was attacked. Three white men have been arrested and charged. Eyewitnesses dispute whether a rape ever took place.

Irvine, Oct. 1992

The Institute for Historical Review (IHR), the most notorious holocaust revisionist group, holds its annual convention at a local hotel. Revisionists preach that accounts of Hitler's genocide are a hoax perpetrated by the Jews to attack European whites.

North Hollywood, Oct. 1992

Inter-ethnic fighting breaks out between Black and Latino students and spreads to several other campuses. Similar brawls have been occuring regularly in county jails.

Burbank, Oct. 1992

The home of Nassar Zamani and his wife is broken into and set on fire. A swastika and death threats are spray-painted on the walls. In a separate incident, neo-nazis connected to the Populist Party visit the home of an anti-racist activist, who also receives several harassing calls.

PART has produced several research reports. The reports were all recently updated and reprinted and are now available for $2.00 each post paid; or a $15.00 supporting sub to Turning the Tide will get you all the position papers. Report #1:

WOMEN'S RIGHTS -- TARGET FOR RACIST TERROR:

Anti-Abortion Violence and the Racist Right

. A full-length examination of the extensive connections between the anti-abortion movement and neo-nazi groups and ideology. Updated second edition, Oct. 1992. Report #2:

BLUE BY DAY, WHITE BY NIGHT:

The Cops and the Klan

. A report on organized white supremacist activity inside police and sheriff's departments, the FBI, military and correctional institutions. Revised and updated, Aug. 1991.

Report #3:

FRONT MAN FOR FASCISM?

"Bo" Gritz and the Racist Populist Party

. The second edition of the essential expose of the neo-nazi roots of the Populist Party, and the racist beliefs and association of its current standard bearer. Updated, Mar. 1992.

Report #4:

L.A.'s CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION:

Elite Blueprint for "Enlightened" Repression

. This still timely report provides a full scale analysis of the Christopher Commission, its members, and the shortcomings of its investigation and recommendations regarding the L.A. police in the wake of the Rodney King beating.

Report #5:

WATCHDOG OR LAPDOG?

A Review of Civilian Review Nationwide

. A special report, reprinted from the Minority Trendsletter, about the inadequacies of civilian review boards to effectively prevent racist and sexist brutality by police.

Report #6:

"KLAN-TV"

The Klan Behind the Camera

. An expose of the use of cable and broadcast TV by Tom Metzger and other neo-nazis to promote their strategy for race war.

Report #7:

THE KKK IN U.S. HISTORY:

. Analyzes the rise and fall of the Klan during three periods of U.S. history, and the relationship of the state to racist terror.

Report #8:

WOLVES IN PEACE CLOTHING

A report on neo-nazi and KKK infiltration of the peace movement around the Gulf War and related anti-Jewish and anti-Arab hate crime activity.

Report #9:

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